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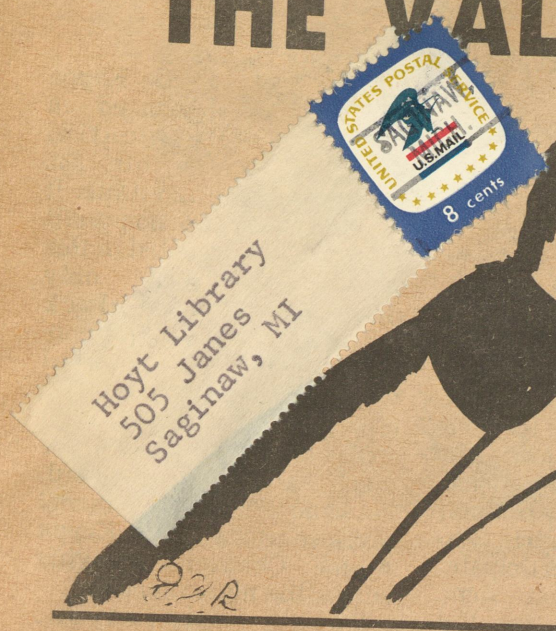

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Present check to Mr. Bob Williams, first ward community center.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Observe 64th Year

During the months of Jan & Feb., throughout the US and Africa, Alpha Kappa Alpha women will begin observing its 64th year of Service to Mankind. Sixty-four years ago a student at Howard Univ. initiated the movement of Greek Letter Sororities among black women in America. Today, Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority maintains International Headquarters in Chicago, Illinois, with a modern, fully equipped office staffed by an executive secretary and staff.

The chief aim of Alpha Kappa Alpha's program has been and continues to be "service to all mankind." The Sorority has committed itself to maintain high scholastic and ethical standards, unity and friendship among college women. This is done through setting up scholarships and programs to encourage and assist young women (especially black) to continue in education at the undergraduate level. Since the awareness of education has become reknown, the focus is shifting toward the encouragement of higher education, too. Our programs consist of alleviation of problems affecting girls and women and the use of talents and resources to serve mankind.

Alpha Kappa Alpha pursues their broad objectives through a series of program activities which have dual implementation. While, some programming is achieved by national focus, the others are achieved through local chapter focuses.

In attainment of its full goals, Alpha Kappa Alpha affiliates selectively with other national local groups having like or related program objectives. Among these are: NAACP, Leadership Council on Civil Rights, National Pan Hellenic Council, National Council of Negro Women and the National Urban League to name a few.

Locally, each graduate chapter awards one or more scholarships annually to deserving students. Eta Upsilon Omega's Chapter of Saginaw awarded the Helen Joan Turpin Scholarship in

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He's Moving On Up

by interview on Larry J. Jones

It has been said by many adults that young people are not concerned and do not want to become part of the society. Of course, these were only opinions. At any rate, I decided to interview a young person and see how that person felt about the present life and issues. To my amazement I found that this particular person was not only concerned but, had very vocal ideas about his feelings and beliefs. This indeed was a very unusual but, very interesting interview. I think this person possesses much hope and shows a definite success bound quality. He's moving on up. I would like to share this interview with you. Then you can make up your own mind.

His name is Mr Larry J. Jones.

Q.: Mr Jones, let's start off by talking about you. Tell me something about your individual beliefs.

A.: "That's a good question!" "Well, I'm a very, very deep thinker. I believe that if one is able to think objectively about issues and events then that person will be more stable in his conclusion. I constantly try to develop my mind so I can make good decisions instead of worthless ones. We must be able to look at all sides and then try to come up with a good solution. I also, believe that a person should strive to always improve his or her action and self. We should try as hard as possible to correct our own weakness especially before we try to correct anyone else. I think that a person should speak out for what they believe in and not be silent. So I oppose the silent majority. I also feel that if a person should speak out for what they believe long enough then a person can get what he wishes. This is my theory on success: God helps those who help themselves. You can make it up the ladder of success.

Q.: What are your goals in life?

A.: I plan to be the best man in my field. Which now, seems to be Urban Affairs. I would like to be a director of Urban Affairs so that I can try some of my solutions to solve our many problems.

He's moving up.

Q.: What do you think about politics?

A.: I think a lot of us are responsible for its ineffectiveness. Because we let a lot of the politicians get in office and through various ways, ignorance. Because, a lot of us didn't know the platforms or didn't do any successful research on the sincerity of the politician we elected. We very seldom help the best man get in because the lack of support. I think we need to use a stronger weapon in making this a better government. This weapon should be education. Learning what's right, what's happening gives us power. We can make that machine work for us instead of against us.

Q.: What are your thoughts about young people?

A.: Young people should be made to realize that soon they will be leading this world of ours. They must become involved and concerned about everything about life. We must continue to find this understanding and cooperate with the older set. Much can still be learned from them. It's not a one way street, they must realize we must work as a team.

Q.: How about drugs?

A.: Well, I think drugs are an escape method. Escape from reality. But there are other reasons for taking drugs. Example, broken families, frustration with parents or adults, neglect and no love and many, many more. These examples must be dealt with too.

Q.: What about religion? Do you believe in it?

A.: It's the only survival method in todays' society. Without it you can't go very far, you need that faith to continue to live. I'm very religious. I really love it.

Q.: What church do you attend?

A.: Corinthians Baptist Church, Rev J. Gaddis.

Q.: What do you think about community problems? Please identify some of them.

A.: I think one of the biggest problems in the community is the community involvement. That's why the other problems exist like: crime, drugs, hunger, employment, etc. The total community ignores and runs from these problems so, these problems increase. Where, on the other hand, if they worked together in force, there would be definite changes in the size of the problem — decrease.

Q.: What are your thoughts on the Model Cities project?

A.: I think the principle is good but, it lacks in effectiveness because, of the lack of support. I think M. C. needs to find people who are willing to work so they can get ahead and the kind who will get up off of it. I say, let's take action and do something

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Alpha Kappa Alpha

the amount of $300 to Miss Eleanor Plowden in the 1971 graduation. She is now attending Ferris State College. The First Ward Center and the NAACP are but two of the other local projects. We are also personally involved in presenting our talented youth to the community each year. This is a fairly new project and the idea has been to present a new group of boys and girls in concert form each year (Youth in Portrait). It has been free to the public the two years presented.

Our chapter members are all personally involved in other organizations around the city. For the past two years our chapter focus has operated under our P. I. N. Services Programs (Personal Involvement Now). Being actively involved with the schools has been our main focus locally, also. The functioning of the Continuation School by the city school board is another local concern. We, as a group, have donated and provided services to this school when and where needed.

During the year of 1971, Eta Upsion Omega Chapter felt a need to expand its scholarship program. We will be working with boys and girls, beginning in January 1972, on the awareness of obtaining a college degree. This will involve many hours of service from the membership.

Some of the National focuses for which we are involved in locally are educational grants. Grants for domestic and foreign travel to high school students and to undergraduate members of the Sorority are made by the Sorority. Domestic Travel Grants are restricted to high school students from each of the nine geographic regions into which the Sorority's national membership is divided. Each year in February, girls who would like to participate, write an essay on some subject, selected by the Sorority, pertaining to Black History. We would like more participation from Saginaw.

Foreign Travel Grants are awarded to undergraduate members of the Sorority who achieve the highest scholastic average in each region.

In addition, the Sorority awards scholarships annually to outstanding students qualified and enrolled in the Cleveland Job Corps Center which the Sorority operates under contract with the US Dept of Labor. 1972, the Regional Conference will be held in Cleveland.

Other educational awards are made to assist with needs in instances where the recipient may otherwise have to decline participation in regular educational activities.

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority has limited its work in the field of Black Heritage to research the body of knowledge of the black man and woman and his contributions. The Sorority publishes and distributes as widely as possible, brochures on contemporary black women in various professions. These are free of charge by request.

Since 1965, Alpha Kappa Alpha has operated a Women's Residential Training Center for 385 women at Cleveland, Ohio. It is one of the two non-profit organizations engaged in this work and the only predominantly black organization to hold a contract with the Federal Government for the operation of a Job Corps Center.

Our chapter activities are much too numerous to record, but examples of the personal services which Alpha Kappa Alpha Chapters provide across the nation include:

Voter education, registration, participation, drug education development of Black Economic Stability, Help for the Elderly, Education and Career Promotion, Tutorial Programs, Consumer Information and Education, Housing Programs, Strengthening the Black Family, Better Health Care.

I'd like to take this opportunity to welcome new Sorors to the city and invite you to join us.

Officers for the year 1971 are:

President, Mrs Carrie Zackrie; vice president, Mrs Marilyn Adams; secretary, Miss Linda Malone; asst. sect., Mrs Willett Johnson; bookkeeper, Mrs Della Smith; treasurer, Mrs Frances Carter; parliamentarian, Mrs Sandra Haughton; reporter, Mrs Doreen Leek.

Moving

about instead of just talking about it.

Q.: Finally, Mr Jones, what is your challenge to life?

A.: My challenge is in the development of my talents, which God has blessed me with. I must develop them so that they will produce a successful leadership for my family, my people and my nation. I have a lot to contribute to this nation and I intend to give my contributions. My challenge is in action and not just words. I know I can make it and I plan to prove it to everyone.

Q.: Thank you Mr Jones.

A.: It's been a pleasure.

Editor: I hope you have gotten another insight about youth. You must admit his ideas and beliefs are something to think about.

The United States has given more money to India than any other place on earth, according to Cong. H. R. Gross (R.-Iowa). The foreign aid total is more than $8 billion.

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Zeta Phi Beta New Year's Ball

By Mrs Charlene Colvin

The Bancroft Hotel's elegant Crystal Room provided a classic setting for the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority's formal New Year's Eve Ball. To everyone's agreement, the well-known Ester Broom and the Sweepers, sounded better than ever this year.

The guest list included Mr and Mrs Carl Paston, Mr and Mrs Jesse Smith, Mr and Mrs James Shelby, Mrs Daisy Williams, of Child Development Centers, Inc., Mrs Katherine Burton, Saginaw High's Principal, Mr Gene Nuckolls and many other prominent Saginaw citizens. The hostesses were the twenty beautiful ladies who are members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority.

The officers are Mrs Ben Roberts, president; Mrs William Phillips, 1st vice pres.; Mrs R. A. Stephens, 2nd vice pres.; Mrs B. L. Little, 3rd vice pres.; Mrs Opear Williams, secretary; Mrs Johnny Campbell, financial sec.; Mrs Willie Jackson, Cor; Mrs Frank Murphy, cor.; Mrs Douglas Schenck, par.; Mrs Edward Bryant, pub. relations.

Just before midnight, funny hats, noisemakers and party poppers appeared, along with several huge fish net sacks of bright-colored balloons hung from the ceiling around the ballroom. Then, at the stroke of midnight, the noisemakers and poppers exploded, the ballroom went flying and the Sweepers launched into their very mellow version of "Auld Lang Syne," while all the guests joined hands in a huge circle to sing along. Many couples shared a Happy New Year kiss or a dance as the music changed to a little more peppy version of the New Year's theme song.

Later all the members of the Zeta Phi Beta Sorority were introduced, most of whom are business and professional women who have earned prominence in their fields. These lovely ladies then joined hands to sing their alma mater, the theme song of the organization. Their escorts then joined them in the circle and sang "That Old Zeta Spirit," with enough verses for each couple to take a turn around the circle.

The dance floor was packed to all guests and the dancing continued until someone announced, "Breakfast now being served in the dining room."

A perfectly marvelous hot breakfast was indeed being served in the dining room, crisp with white linen and fragrant with hot coffee. The hearty breakfast included ham, bacon, sausage, eggs, fried potatoes, toast, coffee and juice. All the breakfast could wish for, particularly at 2 a.m. on New Year's Day.

It must be said that the members of Zeta Phi Beta certainly knew how to throw a party. It was just the kind of New Year's Eve gala that helps one to remember, even the morning after, that it is no longer 1971, but an altogether brand new year.

Members: Mrs Eugen Baker; Mrs Catherine Burton; Mrs Walter Giryer; Mrs Iola Holbrook; Mrs Rose Johnson; Mrs Willie J. Richardson; Mrs Janice Sharpless; Mrs Jeffrey Slaughter; Mrs Yuonne Veal; Mrs Pearlena Wallace; Mrs Alvin Wilson; Mrs Gustine Williams; Mrs Rooservelt Winchester and Mrs Elizabeth Rockell.

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Take A Close Look At Our Prisons

I am sure that we will all agree that today a large segment of our male youth become criminally involved with the law. Most of these young men who are not getting any younger, after a court's probation or second chance as you call it, end up in prison for the proposed plan to rehabilitate them.

Now, according to our cultural norm rehabilitation means to place one back in his or her profession in a successful sense, such as a doctor who practices abortion, or a politician who deceives for the sake of money. These people can most surely be rehabilitated and jurisdictions will more than bend to help them if they are only willing to submit and admit their guilt, but what about the youth who has no successful background, can be rehabilitated? I say no, that is if we honor the term rehabilitation according to our own cultural norm, placing them back would be putting them back in their unskilled crime life.

Now I say rehabilitation is what these men are in dire need of, that is making these men qualify for semi-skilled and skilled jobs.

Let us take a closer look at today's prisons and see what they are doing to help these young men, who most commonly are drug offenders, petty thieves and so-called robbers. With the exception of the drug offender who may need some mental rehabilitation, all is required for the latter two is qualifying them for semi-skilled or skilled jobs, so that crime will not be their only choice when they return to society, since it is man's very nature to survive regardless of circumstances.

I say today's prisons are not equipped to qualify each and every inmate to acquire skilled professions, this is not necessarily being the fault of the institution itself, for it takes convict personnel to maintain the prison in areas such as food service, laundry, porters and etc.

Prisons today have various type industries, such as furniture work involving cabinet making and etc., soap factories and tailoring and various other jobs. Consequently, most the inmates in this job area are those already qualified, very little significance is placed on training but rather on an output of work. In order to combat these problems, money is number one on the agenda. Money to attract top flight civilian personnel to administer the various programs necessary to rehabilitate the inmate. Today's prisons are too concerned with security, the hiring of guards, where you have a constant flow of blacklash and a constant waste of the taxpayers' money....also a waste of money is being spent on areas involving recreation, sports and play. This is something that the institution can afford for the enjoyment of all, regardless whether you are a participant or not. Imagine a man confined for say the next 5 to 7 years and all the institution can offer him is a baseball game or a chance to learn ping pong.

Another crisis in our penal system is the homosexual element. Situations of this nature are more or less taken for granted and not even a second look is given to those among this ever increasing minority, ironically those not of this sect are the ones looked upon as the peculiar ones. Controlling ones' nature for a period of years is certainly not a test most men would invite, but if men in prison are to continue to be men then it is a must, but the weak ones with no morals are the ones who will become victim of this very catching environment.

Let it be known that there are inmates who are preparing and even some prepared to meet the competitive struggle of normal working people. This amount is not large, segregation should most surely be an active policy, that is determining one's seriousness to reform and placing those together who are trying to prepare themselves.

In my closing remarks, I beckon the decision makers in Washington and in our individual state capitols to take a closer look at our penal systems for as it stands now, they are a mass revolving door of failure.

Julius Young Jr

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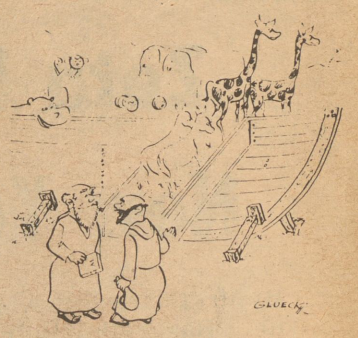

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Information Referral Specialist

Another employee and service rendered to Saginaw's Model Neighborhood residents is the Multi-Purpose Center's Information Referral Specialists, located at 1407 Janes Street.

This job is under supervision of Mrs Rosie Ferrell and a rather new employee, Ollie D. Montgomery. An Information Referral Specialist job involves counseling of residents entering the service center. The specialists would provide help, confidential conferences, and they would try with all sincerity to direct persons to agencies in the building, giving solutions to their problems. Quite often a service within the service center can not provide adequate solutions, so it is Mrs Ferrell's job to dig further and to obtain all necessary information, books, and guides that might fulfill a person's problem.

Mrs Rosie Ferrell stated, she gets more involved than just with what is asked of her. She displayed two bulletin boards containing volunteered outside information in her office that she feels would interest any person coming to her with needy information in mind.

There are files kept by Mrs Ferrell and Mr Montgomery, which a weekly and monthly record is kept on exactly how many persons are serviced at that time. On weekly average basis, ten to fifteen persons are serviced and interviewed by Mrs Ferrell. Also Mrs Ferrell stated, she thinks first of her consultants and she is very dedicated to her work. She is a dedicated woman to her community.

As a regular procedure in Mrs Ferrell's cases, she always directs them to call or get back with her in some way to let her know if they have gotten direct and inside information. If for some reason she doesn't hear from them after three to four days, it is her procedure to call and consult with them to find out if they received their information properly.

This is the proper procedure for anyone who is trying to help others and their best interests should be in their consultors. Yes, the thought with Mrs Rosie Ferrell is try and do all you can for anyone coming to you for help.

Job research is Mrs Rosie Ferrell's daily routine. She must stay abreast of what agencies are doing, many and most all of their procedures, and obtain any information pamphlet that is offered. Most important of all, she must know of the kinds of service agencies can provide.

Whenever you come to Model Cities Multi-Purpose Center for some type of service, and you are just a little undecided about who to see, stop and ask for one of the Information Referral Specialists, and let them extend to you a helping hand.

Mrs. Rosie Ferrell

Teachers - Aids Principal - All Work Together

The first affair given for the faculty of Potter School was given Wednesday December 22, 1971 which was a very well planned luncheon for Potter School's principal, Mrs Francis Carter, all the schools teachers and aids, Potter's Willing Worker Mother's Club, and the Home Visitors Aids. Everyone got together and prepared a most fabulous dinner. Present at the luncheon given in the school gym was a roll call of seventy-five persons, including invitationalized guests.

A few of the special guests were David Youngblade, Director of Work Study Programs, Mrs Reva Ruby, Supervisor of Home Visitor Aids, which are a group of people who try to reach out and get people involved in community and school affairs.

Rev. Roosevelt Austin of Tabernacle Baptist Church, was referred to as the Spiritual Advisor, who made a welcome to all speech, stating how happy he was to be here present at the luncheon, and he commented on what good food they had prepared before him. Mr Austin stated to all, to be thankful for such a wonderful principal as Mrs Carter, which he feels is the best principal in the United States.

Mrs Francis Carter elaborated on how thankful she was for the Willing Worker Mother's Club and how wonderful it is to have a group of women interested in improving themselves and in helping their children in their homework. The mothers are attending classes of math to improve their knowledge to be able to accomodate their children with their Modern Math classes. Mrs Carter stated Potter's staff is very cooperative, and if Potter School's name is going to be

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Adult Enrichment Activities Listed

The Saginaw Community Education Department is offering the following adult enrichment activities for all city residents. Registration can be done by calling Michael Miles, Coordinator, at the Community Education Office, 752-4139, or by signing up at the first class meeting.

There will be no classes meeting when schools are closed due to weather or holidays.

Arthur Eddy Adult Program Schedule

The following adult activities are offered at Arthur Eddy Junior High School beginning January 10, unless otherwise noted. Classes will last for 16 weeks and begin at 7:00 p.m.

Because of Easter, classes will not meet the week of April 3, 1972.

Monday — Jan. 10:

Basic Art of Self Defense, Mr Jack Levy, Gym Stage; Snowmobile Repair and Maintanence, Bruce Compton, Shop 50, Section I Jan. 10 through Feb. 28, Section II March 6 through May 1; Upholstery I, Johm Klemm, Shop 54.

Tuesday — Jan. 11:

Small Engine Repair and maintenance, Section I, 8 weeks, Jan. 10 — Feb. 28, Marvin Sweigart, Shop 50; Woodworking and Furniture Refinishing, Mario Castillo, Shop 54; Drivers Education, Gene Wilson, Library.

Thursday — Jan. 13:

Small Engine Repair and Maintenance, Section II, 3 Weeks, March 6 to May 1, Marvin Sweigart, Shop 50; Photography, Carlos Liggins, North Stage; Family $$$$ Management, Ron Selk, (12 weeks), Library; Swimming Instruction, Beginners, Intermediate, and Life Saving, Dale Purchase, Pool.

Plant Converts Coal into Oil

A new pilot plant for the conversion of coal to synthetic crude oil, hydrogen or high BTU gases, and char has successfully completed 15 months of operation, according to Dr. J. F. Jones of FMC Corporation's Chemical Research & Development Center, Princeton, N. J.

The plant has already processed more than 5,000 tons of coal and Dr. Jones indicated that most operating problems have been successfully solved.

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involved, they get behind each other and make their involvements strong, inspired, and really try to do more.

More schools need this type of inspiration, because there is really never a set goal to as far as you can go, but only as far as you want to go is the rule.

Some of the Willing Workers mothers commented on their personal feelings of their club:

Patricia Morris — feels the Willing Workers Mother's Club is wonderful, she enjoys her math class, and to work with other women. Patricia feels being able to help her children in their math is an inspiration for them in their homewwrk. "It's nice to get closer to other parents."

Willie Johns — she stated she has two kids, and when a mother can communicate with her children then they seem to think they must be doing something worth while. Schools are in need of more interested mothers.

Millie Johnson — "It's a wonderful group, and a beautiful math class." She doesn't have any children attending Potter, but she enjoys participating anyway.

Mable Barton — she has one child going to Potter in the Kindergarten but she likes participating in all activities of the Willing Workers Mother's Club.

Gladys Burton — happy to be a Willing Worker Mother, and is trying to acquire as much knowledge as she possibly can. She enjoys the group, and has two kids at Potter School.

Ann Marie Jones — stated it is an inspiration to her children to see her attending school activities and to learn math.

One Home Visitor's Aid, Linda Grahm, stated she takes materials to different homes and helps parents.

Everyone enjoys dinner.

Officers of Willing Worker Mother's Club (l-r): Linda Gram, Co-Chairman; Mrs. Robinson, General Chairman; Mrs. Ball, Treasurer and Mrs. Rose Valley Instructor.

U.S. Stockpile Reduced

The cost value of federal stockpile inventories as of June, 1971, totaled $8,063,-972,439, according to Rep. George H. Mahon (D.-Tex.), Chairman Joint Committee on Reduction of Federal Expenditures. This was a net decrease of $56,429,913 in three months.

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Saginaw Youthful Artist

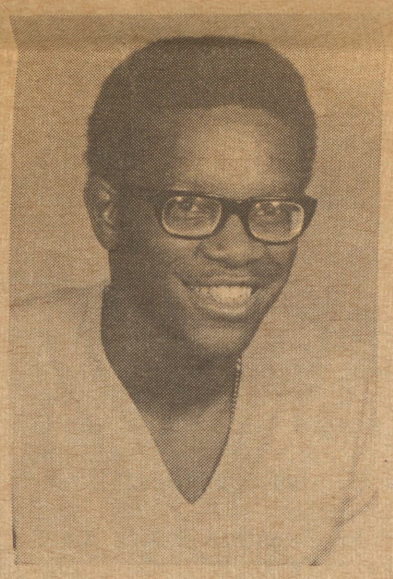
A fifteen-year-old young man of Saginaw is on his way to a good start in the field of artistry. Robert Nash, a sophomore student at Saginaw High, is developing his strong interests in painting.

Robert stated he has been drawing and some painting for a number of years now and is doing a very good job of this and enjoying himself all at the same time.

Right now he is handling the art work for Trinity Lutheran School and quite a few other residents of this community have asked Robert to create some wonderful paintings for them for display. His line of art deals with creating "Black is Beautiful" paintings, drawing and completed paintings of black symbols and he is well complimented on his portrait of the black actor, "Shaft."

Anyone who may be interested in his work can call him at home after 7:30 or his parents after 5:00 at 752-4757. Robert did note his first responsibility is school because painting is only his hobby.

Also Robert would like to take some art instructions, but can't seem to locate a person to take lessons from. Anyone having any information, please call him and let him know of someone.



Robert Nash

If your organization has any meetings or special activities that can be run in the "What's Happening" department, we will be glad to print them if they are mailed to us by the first week of the month in which the meeting will take place.

'72 Golden Glows At Civic Center

Now that the holiday season is over, the boxing clubs which will have entries in the 1972 Saginaw Regional Goldern Gloves Tournament are working into a new phase of training with the participants fighting for the first time in Saginaw's new Civic Center beginning Monday, January 24, 1972. The Golden Gloves Tournament is sponsored by the Saginaw Downtown Lions Club for the Tenth Consecutive Year.

All the gymnasiums — Bay City, St. Louis, Alpena, Port Huron, and the three Saginaw Clubs (AIW, First Ward Community Center, and Lufkin Complex) — have stepped up training with each of these amateur boxing clubs loaded with champions and other talented fighters.

A record number of fighters is set for the 1972 tournament with more than a hundred fighters in both the open and novice weight divisions now in training.

The champions of the Saginaw Regional, for each weight class in both the open and novice divisions, will represent the Saginaw area in Grand Rapids on February 18 and 19, 1972, in the State Tournament.

Tickets for all four nights of amateur boxing (January 24, 31, and February 7 and 12) will soon be on sale locally at the Civic Center by mail and at the window. Ringside $3.00, loge (reserved) $2.50, balcony $2.00 and student $1.00.

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Lillian Williams

Memories

By Lillian Williams

I sat in the middle of the attic,
Floor amid reminders galore.
Overcome by pleasant memories of,
Events of long, long ago.

A toy drum belonging to Sandy,
The oldest of a group of five.
He was so eager and ready to serve,
And just happy to be alive.

Herbert and I were married.
One beautiful summer day.
And traveled the primrose path,
Until death took him away.

We enjoyed life together,
For many wonderful years.
And had our share of laughter,
Right along with our tears.

We used to gather around the organ,
While pap played a tune.
There is nothing greater than harmony,
On a warm night in June.

One by one the children left,
Just me and memories in a big empty house,
Except for a cat,
Or maybe a mouse.

I sometimes wander out to,
The garden while in my reverie.
And lie down in the hammock,
Beneath the big oak tree.

Whose limbs still wear a groove,
Worn in by constant swinging.
While fragments of rope are
Still to it clinging.

So I live with a wealth of memories,
Built up and down through the years.
Sometime overcome by nostalgia,
I find myself fighting back the tears.

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If you have used or attempted to use the services provided by the projects and want to make your opinions known, please fill out the brief questionnaire at the right.

Model City projects currently in operation are: Juvenile Rehabilitation Project, Career Development Project, Model Cities Day Care Program, Youth Protective Service, Multi-Purpose Service Center, Model Cities Neighborhood Newspaper, Police-Community Relations, Drug Abuse Proposal, Economic Development, Neighborhood Development Program, Senior Citizens Drop-In Center, Upgrading and Extending Services of a Neighborhood Health Clinic.

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What else would you like to see the project do? .....

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A.A.C. Party

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by Charlene Colvin

With that simple but vital idea in mind, a young man just recently arrived in Saginaw from another state, decided the only thing to do was to start with a party. He persuaded the ladies to prepare some simple salads and relishes, some pretty cakes, a couple of gallons of fruit punch, and a big bowl of crisp red apples. They decorated the church basement (and it has seldom looked better), and with a borrowed record player and a handful of records, these not-always-happy but, perfectly charming people cut loose and had a great time. And so did the few specially invited guests, Father Bill Boli, Father Sakorski of Sacred Heart Parish, as well as the Valley Star reporter.

The AAC will be planning many more activities for addicted persons, some casual, unstructured, and noisy like this introductory get-together, perhaps some a bit fancier, but all for the purpose of getting addicted people out of dark, lonely shadows. To show them a good time as evidence that real life is not something they have to be enjoyed consciously and soberly.

While not trying to convince AAC provides a magical solution to the drug problem, we accept their theory that only when an addict says to himself, "I am tired of being an addict; I want to be a normal, healthy human being again," only then, will he have a chance of freeing himself of drugs. And we congratulate them for their firm and smiling determination to help themselves.

On Wednesday, December 22, in the fellowship room of Sacred Heart Church, the newly-formed Addicts Action Committee held a delightful (and delicious) little "happy Wednesday" party which hopes will be the first of a continuing series of activities planned by and for Saginaw's drug addicts.

The Addicts Action Committee (AAC) began with a small group of people who were attending the city's methadone clinic. When the clinic ran into rough weather, this group began to decide that no one could help them as much (or as expertly) as they could help themselves. They knew precisely what their problems were and what outward hassles and inward miseries made life tough for them.

One problem they could see clearly was that idleness was their enemy; loneliness and boredom pushed them back to what they knew was slow death. The solution? Why couldn't they just plain have some fun!

Vaughan family receiving basket.

Christmas Basket Drive

Christmas Day was a little bit brighter for six Saginaw and Flint families because of the efforts of agencies, merchants, and individuals in our community who believe it is more blessed to give than receive. The drive, which is the 2nd annual, was coordinated by Joe Davis, of Davis Remodeling; Cal Beatty, Boy Scout Executive and host for WWWS Radio's "Express Yourself"; and Gil Eastland, Program Director of WWWS Soul Radio. Also instrumental in the success of the drive, were Mrs Claudia Wills, Thelma Richardson, and Margaret Coleman of Model Cities Community Services Division.

The goods for the baskets were collected from merchants by OIC's Michael Vernon, and Cornellus Johnson. The Saginaw Valley Star's Editor Jim Colvin, provided the necessary assistance to tie the successful venture together. A hearty "right on" to these individuals who worked so hard that Christmas was a happy occasion for those Saginaw and Flint area residents.

The following merchants contributed to the 2nd Annual Christmas Basket Drive:

Joe Davis, Davis Remodeling Company; Liddell's Market, 2815 Janes; Grant Grocers, 2700 Perkins; McCray's Market, 2904 Wadsworth; LaFavorita's Market, 1401 N. 6th; Encisco's Super Market, 1000 N. 6th; Community Grocery, 1724 Lapeer; Corner End Super Market, 2033 Perkins; Walnut Street Market, 1920 Walnut; Valley Star News, 609 Lapeer.

Christmas Basket Recipients:

Morris family, 2020 Burt, Saginaw; Hudson family, 636 N. 2nd, Saginaw; White family, 1120 N. 10th, Saginaw; Vaughn family, 2816 Wadsworth, Saginaw; Brooks family, 208 S. 4th, Saginaw; Hall family, 5610 Selby, Flint.

Future Activities And Announcements

Youth Protective:

Emergency phone will be installed in Youth Protective, for emergencies within the community, concerning families with children involved. Phone number 754-5271 will be in operation beginning 1-4-72.

Catholic Dioceses: (Community Affairs)

Director Franklin Gary, will release information concerning two new programs being funded. Information will be made available to the public by next week. The programs are Educational Coalition, and Saginaw Learning Academy.

Social Services:

After several months of planning, the Saginaw City Department of Social Service has opened its first branch office in the Model Cities Multi-Purpose Center at 1407 Janes Street. The branch office is to provide more convenient service for our clients who live closer to the Multi-Purpose Center than our main office at 615 Court Street.

The branch office was opened in October of 1971, but was only able to sell food stamps. Now, anyone wishing to apply for any type of financial assistance such as Food Stamps, Aid to Dependent Children, Old Age Assistance, Aid to Disabled, or Aid to the Blind may do so at the branch office on the second floor of the Multi-Purpose Center. Caseworkers for approximately 600 current recipients are now located in the Multi-Purpose Center.

Anyone wishing information concerning the services or programs of the Department of Social Services may call 753-7706, 753-7707 or 754-1463. Anyone wishing to apply for assistance from the Department of Social Service may apply on the second floor of the Multi-Purpose Center at 1407 Janes Street.

Our Department is pleased to be a part of the Model Cities Multi-Purpose Center and hope our presence here will be beneficial to those people living in the area.

On Thursday, January 6, 1972 at 7:00 p.m. members of the City Council met with residents in the area to discuss the elimination of crime in Northeast Saginaw. In the near future, councilman Ray Tortora and Councilman Gary Miller will be meeting with youths to hear about their problems from them.

Below are some of the permanent meetings that are scheduled in the All Purpose Room. They are opened to the public.

Senior Citizens — every 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month, 4:00 — 5:00.

Drug Abuse — every Wednesday, 5:30 — 7:30.

Education and Manpower — every Wednesday 2:00 — 3:00.

Economic Improvement — every Thursday, 4:00 — 5:00.

Physical Development — every Tuesday, 4:00 — 5:00.

Social Committee — every Friday 4:00 — 5:00.

Youth Council — every Saturday, 1:30.

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AGENCIES LOCATED IN MULTI-PURPOSE CENTER

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Michigan Employment Commission
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The average American spends only 16.7 per cent of his income on food, compared with 37 to 39 per cent in Western Europe and Japan, and 60 per cent in India.

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Travel Clothes Mission, International is here to help those in need. They are on their way to Greenwood, Mississippi and to this date she has gotten together around two thousand pounds of various clothing, but she is in need of two more thousand pounds. Anyone who can help, their help will be definitely appreciated.

Travel Clothes Mission has reached persons in the south who have never worn a pair of shoes and those who have never had blankets to cover their body in the winter months. She has sent clothes to Memphis, Tennessee, Mississippi, Kansas and Florida.

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A Gathering Of The Dieing

By Irvin Griffin

In a recent speech, the President of the United States spoke of the rest homes in a lowly manner. In fact, he referred to these homes as a place where the old gathered to die.

To be a country recognized as a first world power is something most of us are proud of, but in so many ways we are still an extremely backwards country. To be honest about the matter, most of us forget who our teachers were, once we had earned the adult status.

Throughout the country there are a number of rest homes for senior citizens. Many of these homes are considered undesirable by many, including the President of the United States. The majority of these, so called rest homes, have been proven to be nothing more than a place for the elderly to die.

The President has spoken strongly against the ones he felt were improper and unjust to the senior citizens.

Many of us, as children, are very fond of our grandparents, or elderly aunts and uncles. It's such a shame that as we grow older and concern ourselves with the world, we quickly forget the people who built this nation. Like grandmother's apple pie, grandpa's tales of his boyhood, and Uncle Joe's whittling. Yes, little by little we become a part of a vicious jungle and like animals, we must strive to survive in it. As we go along we wrap ourselves up into a cocoon, not caring about times and the people who taught us to smile.

It is a sad thing that one human being would leave another human being of his own blood in a house among strangers to die. Only because, he is old and incapable of taking care of himself.

In some Oriental countries it is most common to find the elderly living with their offspring in their autumn years. In many such lands, the young look after the old with the pleasure of comforting the elderly in their last few years on the earth.

To think that some of us could be so narrow-minded when it comes to the human life. We are so powerful, we with so many great cities, we with such a great power of communication. And yet, we stand behind many so-called primitive countries when it comes to the human emotions that link one generation to another.

We, as African-Americans, can give ourselves a bit of credit in this matter, because it is not a common practice among us. I did not say, that it does not happen among us, but it's not so common. I've spoken to some blacks who have the pleasure of looking after some of their elderly relatives in their reclining years and the majority of them admitted they could see it no other way. Some of them had attended to their elders at home, while others had arranged nearby apartments for theirs. Still, I'm sure that there are a few of us who would gladly make use of some of these unfit rest homes if we could afford the luxury.

The President has set off a spark in his last speech that I hope will warm the heart of all Americans alike. He spoke of doing his best to aid the elderly in the future. This is one promise I sincerely hope he keeps, because there are elderly blacks as well as other races that suffer from inadequate pension checks. Most of all I hope that spark that he has set off will warm the hearts of America to a point where they will remember those people who were Americans before they were Americans.

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Return of this memento would be most appreciated. Call Valley Star, 754-4717 or Mrs Doster at 754-8531.

Government originally came about for the purpose of preserving order, according to Pennsylvania State Senator Richard A. Snyder. "Now, in a western society which depends more on government than ever before," he said, "we have less and less protection for the public's life and property."

Profile Of Rev. Martin Luther King, Sr.

Place of Birth: Stockbridge, Georgia.

Family: Son of James and Delia King.

Marital Status: Married to the former Alberta Christine Williams, daughter of the late Dr and Mrs A. D. Williams.

Children: Mrs Christine K. Farris, assistant professor of education, Spelman College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr, deceased April 4, 1968.

Rev. A. D. Williams King, co-pastor Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia.

Education: Bryant Preparatory Institute, Atlanta, Georgia; School of Religion, Morehouse College, Bachelor of Theology Degree.

Present Posiitions: Co-pastor, Ebenezer Baptist Church, Atlanta, Georgia; Moderator Emeritus Atlanta Missionary Baptist Association; Board Member — Southern Christian Leadership Conference; Member — Board of Directors — Citizens Trust Company — Atlanta, Georgia; Member of the Trustee Boards; Atlanta University; Morehouse College; Interdenominational Theological Center; Carrie Steele Pitts Home.

Recognition and Awards: 1945 — Honorary Degree — Doctor of Divinity from Morris Brown College, Atlanta, Ga.

1965 — Honorary Degree — Doctor of Humanities from Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio.

1968 — Doctor of Letters, University of Haiti.

1969 — Doctor of Divinity from Morehouse College, Atlanta, Georgia.

Travel: Extensively abroad, including the Holy Land. Lectured and preached in several countries.

WEST HALL— MARTIN LUTHER HALL SAGINAW HIGH SCHOOL

On September 14, 1971 the Board of Education took official action to change the name of the West Hall at Saginaw High School. The former study hall had been completely remodeled during the summer and converted into a student service center. It now includes seventeen offices which are used by personnel who provide specific services for students. These include guidance counselors, social worker, drop out specialists and the Neighborhood Youth Corps director.

The name approved by the board is "The Martin Luther King, Jr. Student Service Center." The name change was recommended by Mr Nuckolls, principal of Saginaw High School. The board approved the recommendation as presented by Dr Jack Taylor, superintendent of Saginaw schools.

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I Am A Drug Addict

I am a drug addict, and have been one for sixteen years. A boy that grew too fast, to soon. I always ran with brothers older than me. That was the turning point in my life, I wanted big cars, a lot of clothes and money. And dealing dope was the answer to my dream.

I had my first fix at fifteen, and my life has been one big nightmare. As a junkie I had to steal from day to day to take care of my habit. I went to the Army and got a habit in there, and was put out.

I have a problem, and need help and I want to help. Drugs have been my downfall. I had a wonderful family, wife and three beautiful children, I love them but dope came first in my life. So me and my wife are not together anymore, thanks to heroin.

I have sixteen years of drug addiction behind me. I am tired, and I want something out of life. A year and a half ago I started on a Methadone Maintenance Program, it helped a little, but I didn't stop shooting dope and miss groups. I went to live in a facility. Finley Park, a wonderful place, it helped me get myself together, and now I know what I want out of life. I want to help people, with a drug problem, or any problem. The Magic is in Doing.

William Wilder

My name is Joe Louis Donald. I am twenty-five-years old, and I am an ex-drug addict.

I started using heroin around three years ago. And in the course of those three years, I've wished a thousand times that I never heard of the word heroin. And also during the time that I was using heroin, I made a fool of myself and shamed my family.

I commited all kinds of crimes to support my drug habit. I worried my family almost to the point of insanity. I could not see how worried they were, because my mind was blurred by the use of drugs.

Now that I am no longer using heroin, I see all the mistakes I made, and all the trouble and heartache I caused myself, family and friends.

My suggestion to anyone who is even considering using drugs is to stop and think what drugs can do to yourself and your family. I also believe that everyone should learn more about drugs, and teach their kids the disaster of drugs abuse. I sincerely believe if I would have known what I was getting myself into, I would never have started abusing drugs.

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